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**Heller, Colleagues, Re-Introduce Eastern Nevada Lands Bill****Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) was joined by Representatives Jacky Rosen (NV-03), Mark Amodei (NV-02), Ruben Kihuen (NV-04), and Dina Titus (NV-01) to re-introduce the Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act. The bicameral, bipartisan legislation was assembled in collaboration with Nevada county officials and is designed to jumpstart economic development and allow for conservation efforts in Eastern Nevada. “This legislation provides Lincoln County, White Pine County, and the City of Mesquite the flexibility for responsible long-term growth while at the same time bolstering conservation efforts,” **said Heller**. “I am proud to join with Nevada lawmakers from both parties and work together on legislation that will address the needs of local communities and bring positive results to Nevada.” Section 2 amends Lincoln County’s two public lands acts (P.L. 106-298 and P.L. 108-424) to more effectively carry out their long-term conservation and land use goals. [This technical correction](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/40b1ec49-46e3-41b2-80a2-7fa0c145ab15/20170314_LCCRDA_Utility_Corridor_Realignment.pdf) will help prevent catastrophic wildfire, facilitate infrastructure development, improve sage grouse habitat, and expedite the development of solar energy zones.Section 3 fixes errors in congressionally established wilderness areas located in White Pine County. Specifically it releases [a small dam from the Arc Dome Wilderness Area](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/f9001eaa-a0ce-44e2-9797-e1d8faca4141/Arc%20Dome%20Adjustment.pdf) that is owned and maintained by the Yamba Tribe. Secondly, itreleases [land from the High Schells Wilderness Area](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/024056fd-97dc-4b8c-ab19-6ecab050f5ec/high_schells_011917.pdf) frequently used as a Girl Scout camp and adjusts the [designation of a road near McCoy Creek](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/ebafca77-543d-4a6d-b240-c61d58422c21/McCoy%20Adjustment.pdf). It also releases from the [Mount Moriah Wilderness Area](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/e194b120-79d3-4f46-818c-f1c470d733ce/mt_moriah_011917.pdf) a section that will allow access to the main road and facilities at the Big Canyon Trailhead.Section 4 amends the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 (P.L.99–548) to provide the City of Mesquite with greater opportunity for long-term economic development. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the White Pine County Board of Commissioners, and the Mesquite City Council have endorsed their portions of this legislation. In 2015, this legislation was introduced by Senator Heller and then U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-NV).###cid:image002.png@01D2A958.8799B760cid:image003.png@01D2A958.8799B760cid:image004.png@01D2A958.8799B760 |